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**Humankind's
Genetic Future**

Siddhartha Mukherjee
in conversation with
Mark Haddon.

7th June 2016
18:45pm – 20:00pm

Royal College of Surgeons
35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields
London WC2A 3PE

TICKETS:

£25 Standard

£35 Premium

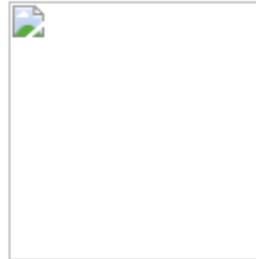
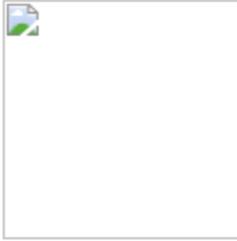
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Pulitzer Prize winner for *The Emperor of All Maladies*, cancer geneticist and stem-cell biologist Siddhartha Mukherjee is joined by author Mark Haddon (*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, *A Spot of Bother*, *The Pier Falls*) for a special event to explore the science, history and future of genetic research and engineering.

As scientists continue to pursue genetic research as a revolutionary force in new medicine, Haddon will interview Mukherjee about its potential to change our lives, and the lives of our children and grandchildren. They will explore the fascinating and troubling ethical concerns that arise when working with genes, the moral and technological barriers to genetic engineering, and the compelling arguments for increased investment in genetic research. They will look to the future of gene therapy and its potential to cure diseases once considered terminal. And, drawing from Siddhartha Mukherjee's magisterial new work *The Gene, An Intimate History*,

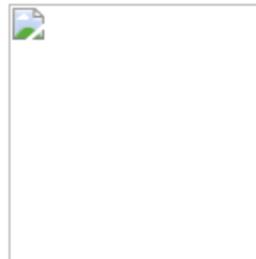
they will examine the cultural history of the gene and its effect on the way we understand life on Earth.

These two exceptional speakers will offer a remarkable insight into a fascinating area of science that affects not only our lives, but that will shape those of all our descendants. Do not miss your chance to hear them live, at the how to: Academy.



Siddhartha Mukherjee is a cancer physician and researcher, a stem cell biologist and a cancer geneticist. He is the author of *The Laws of Medicine* and *The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer*, which won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize in general nonfiction and the Guardian First Book Award.

Mukherjee is an assistant professor of medicine at Columbia University. A Rhodes Scholar, he graduated from Stanford University, University of Oxford, and Harvard Medical School. His laboratory has identified genes that regulate stem cells, and his team is internationally recognized for its discovery of skeletal stem cells and genetic alterations in blood cancers.



Mark Haddon is an author, illustrator and screenwriter who has written fifteen books for children and won two BAFTAs. His bestselling novel, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*, was published simultaneously by Jonathan Cape and David Fickling in 2003. It won seventeen literary prizes, including the Whitbread Award. His poetry collection, *The Talking Horse and the Sad Girl and the Village Under the Sea*, was published by Picador in 2005, and his last novel, *The Red House*, was published by Jonathan Cape in 2012. He lives in Oxford.



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